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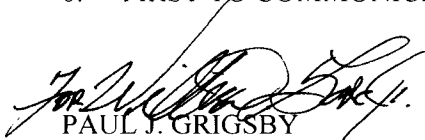
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Chusok and Columbus Day Holiday Safety Message – 2006

1. Friday 6 October is a Training Holiday for members of the 1st Signal Brigade who will join our Korean counterparts in celebrating the Korean Thanksgiving holiday. This holiday is known as Chusok and is from 5 through 7 October. During this time millions of Koreans will travel to their ancestral homes throughout the Korean country side to honor their ancestors. Many Korean organizations and businesses will either slow or stop routine operations as early as Thursday 5 October, and will not resume full operations until Monday 10 October. All Korean highways will become extremely congested and dangerous. Traveling anywhere in Korea during this time should be avoided.
2. On Monday 9 October 2006, following the Chusok Holiday is the Columbus Day Holiday. For many of us this will be a four day holiday weekend giving us a much deserved time off from our duties to participate in local recreational activities and visit with family and friends. Unfortunately with these times away from our normal duties there is an increased risk for off duty accidents, especially with recreational sport activities and the local Chusok Holiday rush.
3. The Columbus Day holiday is named after a man who threw safety into the wind when he set sail to prove that the world was round. In our present time we cannot afford to do as Christopher Columbus did in 1492. Today we must be aware of everything around us and recognize hazards associated with the tasks at hand to ensure that we are safe from accidents and injuries. At the end of October, there is an increased need for safety awareness when the ghosts and gremlins take to the streets in our local housing areas on Halloween for trick-or-treating. October also marks the time for colder weather and the need for awareness of the potential of carbon monoxide poisoning or even fire. Please take this time to replace your carbon monoxide monitors and smoke detectors batteries and test their operation.
4. Prior to dismissal for this holiday weekend, commanders will ensure that all 1st Signal Brigade Soldiers and Civilian personnel under their command are counseled using "Under the Oak Tree" counseling techniques regarding the safety issues outlined above, compliance with curfew times and to stay clear of all demonstrations. Also communicate to all that as we enter into the Columbus Day Weekend and other seasonal events where we gather in groups and celebrate, please remember to drink responsibly and watch out for the Brigade family members; there should be no reason for incidents or death because these are not the events we want to have to remember in the future – a loss of life.
5. CSM Grigsby and I wish you a safe and pleasant Chusok and Columbus Day holiday weekend. Remember safety must never take a day off; it must become an integral and necessary part of everything we do.
6. "FIRST TO COMMUNICATE!"


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